

Youth Resource Connections

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Headlines

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announces grants. HUD will fund grants to serve homeless persons, produce affordable housing, and to stimulate economic development. There are 43 separate funding opportunities available for local units of government and non profit faith-based and community organizations. These opportunities include YouthBuild, Community Development Technical Assistance, and Brownfields Economic Development Initiative. For additional information visit: <http://www.doleta.gov/usworkforce>. **Deadline for YouthBuild applications is June 6.**

The U.S. Department of Education establishes a new system of records for Federal Student Aid (FSA). The FSA is requesting to modify the existing FSA Students Portal in order to bring together in one website all the information and productivity tools relevant to FSA's customers. This modification will assist FSA's customers in making informed financial aid decisions by allowing them to customize information based upon their own criteria. The FSA website will be used for the following reasons: to allow the website to provide information targeted to the user, to assist with filling out applications to colleges and universities and to prepopulate the electronic Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The Department seeks comments on the new system of records described above. To submit your comments via the internet visit: <http://comments@ed.gov>. You must include the term "FSA Students Portal" in the subject line of your electronic message.

Staples Foundation for Learning Announces New Grant Recipients. The Staples Foundation has awarded grants to 23 non-profit organizations. Grants were awarded to organizations that support programs that provide job training or educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth. For more information about the foundation or how to apply for a grant, visit: <http://staplesfoundation.org>.

The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) at the U.S. Department of Labor invites nominations for the 2003 New Freedom Initiative Award. Nominations are being accepted for the New Freedom Initiative 2003 award. This award recognizes businesses, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated exemplary and innovative efforts in furthering the employment objectives of the New Freedom Initiative. Eligibility criteria and nomination process may be accessed at <http://www.dol.gov/odep>. **Deadline: May 15.**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Announce Grants for Youth Initiatives. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, will provide funds for Positive Youth Development State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Projects. These projects will serve as the basis for exploring new partnerships among the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), States, local jurisdictions and/or Tribes, and community and faith-based, youth serving organizations to establish and support these programmatic objectives at the State and local community levels. The competition is limited to the 13 State organizations that are currently participating in the Youth Development State Collaboration Demonstration Project funded by FYSB. For more information visit: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/proganncmt03.htm>

Deadline: June 9.

Program Spotlight

Los Angeles sponsors program to train youth in the performing arts. Will Power to Youth is an arts employment based youth development program recognized by PepNet. It is designed specifically to impact high-needs youth ages 14-21. Youth study Shakespeare then write and perform an adaptation of the drama they have studied, complete with sets, costumes, original music and choreography. The program nurtures self-confidence, promotes mutual respect, and encourages the valuing of differences as its boost economic self-sufficiency, literacy and an appreciation of the arts. To learn more about this project call 213-481-2273.

Funding Opportunities

The Department of Labor's (DOL) announced grant competition for the National Farm Worker Jobs Programs (NFJP). The Employment and Training Administration at DOL has announced a grant competition for: 1) operating the National Farm Worker Jobs Programs; and 2) housing assistance for migrants and seasonal farm workers. Applicants are invited to apply for funding to operate the local NFJP grants for the delivery of workforce investment services and related activities to migrant and seasonal farm workers. Applications for funding the NFJP grants and the housing grants should be submitted separately and will be reviewed and paneled by the Department separately. For more information visit: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edcket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-9519.pdf>. **Applications deadline: May 16.**

Center for Youth Development and Education (CYDE) offers funds to support small high schools. CYDE plans to start 10 new small high schools (ranging in size from 150 to 350 students) across the country using the Diploma Plus approach. Diploma Plus combines a competency-based approach, a small personalized learning environment, and transitions to post-secondary opportunities. The Diploma Plus model serves youth who have not experienced success in large comprehensive high schools. CYDE is seeking letters of interest from organizations who are actively pursuing alternative education options. The solicitation announcement and information on the Diploma Plus model can be downloaded, visit: <http://www.commcorp.org/CYDE/DP>. **Letters of interest are due May 19.**

Greater Washington Youth Philanthropy Initiative. The DC Urban Up-Lifters, a youth-led grant making council affiliated with the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, will fund projects that improve the lives and situations of youth in Washington, D.C. Groups of young people, ages 13-18, in Washington, who want to make a difference in their community are eligible to apply. For additional information and applications contact Glen O'Gilvie at 202-955-5890 ext. 113. **Deadline: May 5.**

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Arts Funding from the National Endowment of the Arts. Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth provides funding to advance youth exposure in the arts. This category builds on Arts and Learning projects announced in the guideline book for fiscal year 2003. For more information visit: <http://www.nea.gov/guide/GAP04/GAPindex.html>. **Deadline: June 16.**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces funds for transitional living programs. The Administration for Children and Families at HHS will award approximately \$7.9 million to fund up to 42 awards for organizations to establish and operate transitional living programs for older homeless youth. Public agencies, units of local government, private nonprofit agencies, and community-based and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply. For more information contact Dorothy Pittard at 202-205-8102 or visit: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb>. **Deadline: June 9.**

The Administration for Children and Families at HHS also announces funds to provide education and prevention services to runaway, homeless and street youth who have been subjected to or are at-risk of sexual exploitation or abuse. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit agencies and community-based and faith-based organizations. Approximately \$4.6 million is available to fund up to 46 awards. For more information contact Dorothy Pittard at the number listed above.

U.S. Department of Education announces grants for Professional Development. The Department of Education will fund projects to improve the knowledge and skills of early childhood educators who work in communities that have high concentrations of children living in poverty. As many as 5-14 grants will be awarded ranging from \$1.2-\$ 2.8 million. Institutions of higher education, faith-based organizations, public or private entities are eligible to apply. For further information contact Melaine Kadlic at 202-260-3793. **Deadline: May 16.**

Websites

Channing Bete Funding Resources. Provides nonprofit organizations in the youth field with recent information on money available for youth development programs. Visit: http://www.channing-bete.com/positive_youth/pages/funding/funding.html

Project 540 Civic Resource Guide. This guide offers comprehensive information on national and local organizations that champion youth and civic issues. Visit: <http://www.project540.org/crg/index/cfm>

National Institute for Literacy provides information about literacy programs and services designed to improve them. It also offers a national database of literacy programs. For more information visit: <http://www.nifl.gov>

Calendar of Events

May 5-7. Los Angeles, CA. Child Welfare League of America Conference. Contact 617-769-4003.

May 15. Kissimmee, FL. Tenth Joint National Conference on Alternative to Expulsion, Suspension, and Dropping Out of School. For more information call 800-537-4903.

May 30- June 1. Washington, D.C. National Youth Advocacy Coalition. For more information contact 202-319-7596, ext.11

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June 4-5. Washington, D.C. National Research Conference. Contact Crystal Woodard at 202-693-3162.

June 16-18. Columbia, SC. Summer Institute on Teen Pregnancy. Contact 803-771-7700.

June 28-30. Washington, D.C. National Institute of Justice. Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation. Contact 800-228-9290.

June 28- July1. Baltimore, MD. National Media Education Conference 2003. Contact: Early registration deadline May 15. Visit: <http://www.nmec.org> for further information.

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Youth Resource Connections provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

We welcome your input. Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom (Astom@doleta.gov; 202-693-3377 or Susan Rosenblum (srosenblum@doleta.gov; 202-693-3597).

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